Production and Stocks of Titanium Dioxide: March 2003

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Table 1. Summary of Production and Stocks of Titanium Dioxide [Quantity in short tons]

Month and year	Production	Stocks 1/
Year-to-date: 2003	380,921 363,781	(X) (X)
MarchFebruaryJanuary	133,571 122,170 125,180	153,735 157,980 150,769
2002		
Total	1,553,513	(X)
December	136,108 123,359 133,689 126,325 132,345 137,273	150,537 137,502 131,917 135,885 143,872 151,551
June	128,684 139,574 132,375 129,794 111,890 122,097	151,118 158,106 154,603 173,533 170,380 166,930

X Not applicable.

1/Represents total stocks of producing companies at end of period, including amounts held at locations other than producing plants.

Table 2. Summary of Production, Exports, Imports, and Apparent Consumption of Titanium Dioxide [Short tons]

Month	Quantity produced	Change in stocks 1/	Exports of domestic merchandise 2/	Imports for consumption 3/	Apparent consumption 4/	Percent imports to apparent consumption
2003						
March February January	133,571 122,170 125,180	(4,245) 7,211 232	(NA) (NA) 50,353	(NA) (NA) 18,782	(NA) (NA) 93,377	(NA) (NA) 20.1
2002						
Total	1,553,513	(24,866)	595,066	254,828	1,238,141	20.6
December November October September August July	136,108 123,359 133,689 126,325 132,345 137,273	13,035 5,585 (3,968) (7,987) (7,679) 433	53,470 51,873 56,902 54,428 54,053 50,851	16,186 18,296 20,999 21,750 22,788 21,586	85,788 84,198 101,754 102,195 108,759 107,575	18.9 21.7 20.6 21.3 21.0 20.1
June	128,684 139,574 132,375 129,794 111,890 122,097	(6,988) 3,503 (18,930) 3,153 3,450 (8,473)	52,349 53,221 49,534 45,457 39,834 33,094	20,778 23,089 25,725 21,666 19,499 22,466	104,102 105,938 127,496 102,850 88,105 119,942	20.0 21.8 20.2 21.1 22.1 18.7

NA Not available.

Note: The export codes based on the Harmonized System-based Schedule B are 2823.00.0000, titanium oxides; 3206.11.0000, pigments and preparations containing 80 percent or more titanium dioxide; and 3206.19.0000, pigments and preparations based on titanium dioxide, other. The import codes based on the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States are 2823.00.0000, titanium oxides; and 3206.11.0000, pigments and preparations containing 80 percent or more titanium dioxide; and 3206.19.0000, pigments and preparations based on titanium dioxide, other.

^{1/}Change in stocks is derived by subtracting the prior month's ending stocks from the current month's ending stocks.

^{2/}Source: Census Bureau report EM 545, U.S. Exports; HTSUSA codes 2823.00.0000 (January 2003, 1,719,360 kg), 3206.11.0000 (January 2003, 40,903,780 kg), 3206.19.0000 (January 2003, 3,056,003 kg).

^{3/}Source: Census Bureau report IM 146, U.S. Imports for Consumption; HTSUSA codes 2823.00.0000 (January 2003, 3,099,435 kg), 3206.11.0000 (January 2003, 13,532,890 kg), 3206.19.0000 (January 2003, 406,129 kg).

^{4/}Apparent consumption represents new domestic supply and is derived by subtracting exports and change in stocks from the total of manufacturers' production plus imports.